

What is claimed is:

1. A high strength and low shrinkage polyester yarn, which has tenacity of 7.4 g/d or higher, elongation at break 5 of 19 to 26 %, shrinkage percentage of 2 % or lower, and respective thermal-stress peaks of  $3 \times 10^{-2}$  to  $7.5 \times 10^{-2}$  g/d and  $8.0 \times 10^{-2}$  to  $10.5 \times 10^{-2}$  g/d at temperature ranges of 100 to 140°C and 230 to 240°C.
- 10 2. The high strength and low shrinkage polyester yarn as set forth in claim 1, wherein a ratio of a yarn's thermal-stress peak at a temperature range of 230 to 240°C to a thermal-stress peak at a temperature range of 100 to 140°C is 1.3 to 3.0.
- 15 3. The high strength and low shrinkage polyester yarn as set forth in claim 1, wherein a shrinkage force of the polyester yarn within a first 5 sec after the start of shrinkage is  $4.5 \times 10^{-2}$  to  $6.5 \times 10^{-2}$  cN/d, and the shrinkage force of the polyester yarn thereafter is  $1.5 \times 10^{-2}$  to  $3.5 \times 10^{-2}$  cN/d.
- 20 4. The process for preparing a high strength and low shrinkage polyester yarn by the direct spinning drawing process, comprising:

(a) spinning a melted polyester polymer at a speed of 383 to 490 m/min;

(b) drawing a spun polyester yarn in a total draw ratio of 5 to 6.4; and

5 (c) relaxing a drawn polyester yarn at 230 to 250°C by a godet roller with a relaxation ratio of 9 to 13 %.

5. The process according to claim 4, wherein the relaxation is performed through a first relaxation step and 10 a second relaxation step, and a relaxation distribution ratio of the first relaxation step to the second relaxation step is 9:1 to 1:9.